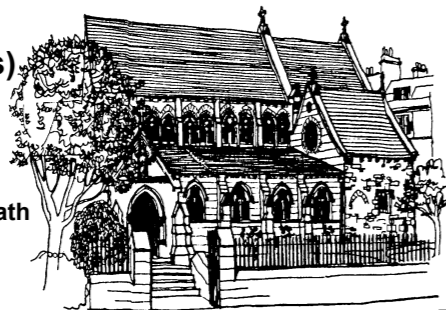


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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If you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way. St. Thomas Aquinas

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A Psalter 1

Sunday 27th September

9.00am Mass Margaret Laird RIP
 10.30am Mass People of the Parish
 5.00pm Mass Ints. Mike Kelly

Monday 28th September
Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No service in church

Tuesday 29th September
St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
 No service in church

Wednesday 30th September
St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 10.00am Mass Fr John Foster RIP

Thursday 1st October
St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
 No service in church

Friday 2nd October
Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
 10am Mass Ints. Chris White

Saturday 3rd October
Our Lady on Saturday
 No Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession will available by request only. Please call Fr Jeremy 01225 311725

Links to local masses and services being streamed live can be found on the [parish website](#). Use the [online directory](#) of churches in England and Wales streaming Catholic Mass live online.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:
 St Alphege's Fr Malcolm 424894
 St John's Fr Christopher 464471
 For news on Fr Bill, please go to <http://www.stspeterpaulbath.org.uk/#>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Israel is the Lord's vineyard but a vineyard that has gone bad; instead of grapes, it produced only sour grapes; instead of justice and integrity only bloodshed and distress.

2nd Reading: Paul exhorts the Philippians to rise above worry and to trust in God. His peace will guard and protect them.

Gospel: If the Lord's vineyard does not produce the expected fruit, he will take it from those to whom he has leased it and give it to others.

Parish Prayers:

For our NHS and all its workers
 For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour
 For all those with life threatening illnesses
 For those suffering from anxiety
Diocesan Prayer Link:
 Christ the King, Thornbury
 Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge

Masks are now mandatory in all churches.

Please make sure your mask covers both your nose and mouth throughout the whole Mass.

Handmade cloth facemasks, in a variety of sizes are available to purchase before Mass at the entrance to the church. £5 each, please bring exact money. All money goes towards church funds. Thank you Somui, Helen & Penny.

PARISH OFFICE: EMAIL ONLY

Charlotte will remain working from home, so do not visit or ring her at the Parish Centre. All postal items to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com
 Email her if you would like to receive the bulletin by email each Friday or the Mon-Thurs emails of updates & ideas. Previous weekday emails are on the parish website "[News, Events & Pandemic Resources](#)"

This week we remember:

Ramon (Ray) Cliffe, who died recently (private funeral at St Mary's 6th Oct);
 Maya Grubinska-Sousa, Fr John Elliott,
 Christine McLorian, Colleen Butera,
 Elizabeth Durkin, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS AT ST MARY'S

The obligation to go to Mass each Sunday is still suspended, so you are not obliged to go to Mass on any day of the week.

Track and Trace: Please scan the QR code on entry to the church, if you have an iPhone. We have been asked to take the contact details of one member of each household who comes to Mass. The details will be kept for 3 weeks and then destroyed.

Please do not move the chairs.

Please allow families and couples to sit on the chairs arranged in sets of 2, 3, 4 or 5.

COMING TO CHURCH SAFELY

Please do not come to Mass if you have any cough or cold symptoms. **When going up to receive communion:**

- *Wait for the steward to tell you to go up.
- *Stand on the marked square
- *Remove your mask
- *Put your arms out straight to receive the host
- *Consume the host
- *Put your mask back on; return to your seat.

BOOKING A SEAT AT MASS

Please click on the link to reserve a place at Mass between 30th Aug and 2nd October: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-30th-august-to-2nd-october-registration-117817891485>

Eventbrite is our preferred method as it reduces the work for the Parish Office.

Booking OPENS when the link appears on the parish website & **BOOKING CLOSES:**
 Sun 9.00 am Mass - Sat at 8.00 pm
 Sun 10.30 am Mass - Sat at 9.30 pm
 Sun 5.00 pm Mass - Sun at 4.00 am
 Wed 10.00 am Mass - Tues at 9.00pm
 Fri 10.00 am Mass - Thurs at 9.00pm

Via answerphone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). Phone booking for the following week's Masses (Sun to Fri) OPENS Noon every Wed, CLOSES Noon on Sat. Please text or leave messages within these hours only. Even if you have booked before, please include:

- *Preferred Mass
- *Names and number of tickets
- *Your phone number (mobile preferred)
- *Age of any children included

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

In the parable of the two sons, Jesus asks us to think whether our words and actions are in agreement. It is easy to talk, to pronounce and to make statements. It is more difficult to give time, effort and attention. Every Sunday at Mass we profess our faith, a faith which through our Baptism we are commissioned to live out in the daily activities of our lives. It is easy for us to say the words of the Creed, but it will be by our actions that will demonstrate our commitment to working for the reign of God during the week. Jesus values a few small acts more than many fine words.

Sarah Adams, Director for the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation

Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, & for those who are considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair & hopelessness when they attend the programme. Some have been married for many years, while others only a short time. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the Virtual weekend 12th -15th November. Call or text 07887296983 or 07973380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

St Gregory's Catholic College: VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS - Sixth Form Tues 6th October & Saint Gregory's 2021 Y7 entry Tues 13th October. New online Virtual Open Events, providing you with a flavour of what you can expect as a student at Saint Gregory's and the many exciting experiences ahead of you. Register your interest or book a place at our live, online Q&A forums in the Autumn term. www.stgregorys.org.uk

SERMONS You can listen to Fr Jeremy's sermons each Sunday. Go to <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/sermons> & scroll to the end of the typed sermon. Click on the arrow shaped play button.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: First Holy Communion 2020 and 2021

Due to the continuing restrictions on the celebration of Mass, Fr Jeremy and the catechists have decided that the 2020 and 2021 cohorts will receive Holy Communion for the first time next summer. We intend to start the preparation programme as usual in January for the 2021 children, and for the 2020 cohort to join them later to finish their own programme.

Confirmation 2021

Fr Jeremy has decided to defer the 2020 Deanery Confirmation preparation programme until the 14-18yr olds can meet in person, safely. Therefore, Bishop Declan will confirm our young people at St Mary's Church at 7.00pm, Friday 12th November 2021.

Spiritual Communion The Bishops have provided an online sheet to help us understand [how to make a spiritual communion](#). This includes the prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen."

School admission: STARTING SCHOOL?

If you have a child born between 1 Sept 2016 & 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from Sept 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Bath & North East Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised & you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

FORMATION: JOURNEYING TOGETHER

CYMFed is hosting monthly online talks for the youth ministry community.

WED 14th OCT 2.00pm (Note time)

A Field Hospital for Young People: Ministry Through a Pastoral Lens

Paul & Sarah Jarzembowski
<https://cymfed.org.uk/journeying-together/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/cymfed>

Questions Ask domfinn@cymfed.org.uk

JOB: Parishioner requires cleaner for 2 hrs, fortnightly. Contact Fr Jeremy 311715 for more info.

MASS STEWARDS Thank you so much to all our volunteers. **We need many more stewards. We have to have at least two at each Mass or we are not allowed to open the church. Could you help?** If you are aged 18-70 & not in a vulnerable group, please email the parish office. The more stewards we have, the fewer times you will be asked to volunteer.

The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on 27 September 2020. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee". The message will focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs), who currently number over 41 million worldwide. You can lots more info here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2020/>

If you can donate to local refugee charity Borderlands, please click here: <https://localgiving.org/charity/borderlands/>

RUH CONTACT DETAILS:

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call the RUH Chaplaincy direct line 01225 428331 on arrival.

SAFEGUARDING Fr Jeremy would like to recruit two new **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**. The P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young and the vulnerable. Part of the role is making sure all those who volunteer in certain roles are checked using the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please email Fr Jeremy to discuss it bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

DOWNSIDE SCHOOL wish to recruit a Clerk to the Governing Body The role includes organising & taking minutes at Governors' meetings, maintaining records, & ensuring that procedures & protocols promote good governance.

Info: <https://www.downside.co.uk/working-with-us/> or contact Michelle Heywood, Human Resources Advisor at hr@downside.co.uk. Closing date: Tues 22nd Sept (Midnight). Interviews: Mon 5th Oct

The Life Project, a Christian based charity in Bath, is looking for new volunteers. If you share our passion for supporting those with learning disabilities & their families and you can contribute to our work by using your skills and experience, please check out the info on our Website. We need:

- Treasurer and trustees
 - Minibus drivers
 - Support workers for those attending weekly activity days
 - Admin support for our central office team
- Info: email info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk
 See what we do: www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk

School Governors: The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcintee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

CAFOD family fast day 9th October. Donations can be made online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

SEASON OF CREATION

During the Season of Creation, the world's 2.2 billion Christians will come together to pray and take action for our common home. From 1 Sept - 4 Oct, the global Christian family are asked to find time to pause & pray.

*The lead Bishop on the Environment for the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, John Arnold speaks about the Season of Creation and the work his own diocese of Salford is doing to care for our common home.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-09/uk-bishop-we-all-have-a-role-to-play-in-caring-for-our-common-h.html>